



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of Grades 5-8 of Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 2 (84X494) with Existing Schools J.H.S. 22 Jordan L. Mott (09X022) and Bronx Writing Academy (09X323) in Building X022 Beginning in 2014-2015

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to co-locate grades five through eight of Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 2 (84X494, “SA – Bronx 2”) in building X022 (“X022”), located at 270 East 167th Street, Bronx, NY 10456 in Community School District 9 (“District 9”) beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. SA – Bronx 2 is an existing public elementary charter school that currently serves students in kindergarten through third grades in building X055 (“X055”), located at 450 Saint Paul’s Place, Bronx, NY 10456, also in District 9, where it is co-located with P.S. 55 Benjamin Franklin (09X055, “P.S. 55”), an existing zoned elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offering a pre-kindergarten program. The Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) previously approved a proposal for SA – Bronx 2 to serve kindergarten through fourth grades in X055.

Success Academy Charter Schools (“SACS”) is a charter management organization that currently operates 12 public elementary charter schools and 2 public middle charter schools in New York City, including SA – Bronx 2. The State University of New York (“SUNY”) has authorized SA – Bronx 2 to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. SA – Bronx 2’s current charter expires on February 17, 2015, and SA – Bronx 2 intends to apply to SUNY to renew its charter and to expand SA – Bronx 2’s grade span to serve grades kindergarten through eight. Should SUNY deny SA – Bronx 2’s request to expand to serve kindergarten through eighth grades, then the school’s fifth grade would be sited at X022 and the DOE would consider alternate options for the utilization of the remaining space in X022.

If this proposal is approved, SA-Bronx 2’s fifth grade will be sited in X022 beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. If SUNY approves SA-Bronx 2’s proposed charter revision to expand the grades it serves, SA-Bronx 2 will then add one grade each year until it is fully phased into X022 in 2017-2018 and serves students in grades five through eight in the building. SA – Bronx 2 will be co-located in X022 with J.H.S. 22 Jordan L. Mott (09X022, “J.H.S. 22”), an existing district middle school that serves students in grades six through eight, and Bronx Writing Academy (09X323, “Bronx Writing”), an existing district middle school that serves students in grades six through eight. The X022 building also houses BronxWorks, a community-based organization that currently provides services to students at both J.H.S. 22 and Bronx Writing, as well as the Learning through an Expanded Arts Program (“LEAP”).

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beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. SA – Bronx 2 will then add one grade each year until it is fully phased into X022 in 2017-2018 and serves students in grades five through eight.

SA – Bronx 2 enrolls kindergarten through third-grade students through a lottery process, giving preference to students who reside in District 9, and sets aside a certain percentage of seats for English Language Learners (“ELL”). Enrollment and admission details for SA – Bronx 2 are described in greater detail in Section III.A of the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) concerning this proposal. SACS has also been authorized by SUNY to operate six new public elementary charter schools starting in 2013-2014. The four existing SACS elementary schools that received a Progress Report for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years received an overall grade of A.

The DOE supports SA – Bronx 2’s placement in X022 and anticipates that the school will continue to provide excellent educational opportunities for students. This proposal is intended to increase the number of high-quality middle school seats in District 9 and to allow SA – Bronx 2 to continue serving its students through middle school.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) for this proposal can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/May2013Proposals.htm>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the J.H.S. 22 and Bronx Writing main offices.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at (212) 374-5159.

IV. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The X022 School Building
270 East 167th Street
Bronx, NY 10456

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

May 22, 2013 at 6:00pm

Taft Educational Campus
240 East 172nd Street
Bronx, NY 10457